



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

April 11, 2014

### **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION DEADLINE**

Residents are reminded that April 15th is the deadline to submit new applications for property tax exemptions and credits. The deadline pertains to veteran credits, elderly exemptions, and blind exemptions. Property owners who are currently receiving these credits and exemptions do not need to requalify unless the Assessing Office has contacted them and requested they do so. Qualifying criteria and forms may be obtained online at [www.concordnh.gov/assessing](http://www.concordnh.gov/assessing) or directly from the Assessing Office.

April 15th is also the deadline for the annual filing of A-9 applications requesting educational, religious or charitable property tax exemptions. Property owners requesting a charitable exemption must also file an A-12 application and financial data before June 1st.

For more information, please call the Assessing Office at 225-8550, Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

### **HYDRANT FLUSHING**

Each spring, the Highway & Utilities Division of the General Services Department flushes City-owned hydrants in order to remove any sediment from the water distribution pipes, which helps maintain water quality and clarity, and to check the water pressure. During hydrant flushing, residents may notice that their water is discolored and may experience low water pressure. However, the water is still safe to use and drink. Residents are advised to let cold water run at each faucet until discoloration disappears. It is recommended to not wash clothes while hydrant flushing is occurring in your area. Flushing will take place throughout the City for approximately 5-6 weeks. A schedule of affected areas will be posted each week on-line at [www.concordnh.gov/generalservices](http://www.concordnh.gov/generalservices).



### **ATHLETIC FIELDS**

With the spring weather finally arriving this week, the Parks & Recreation Department would like to take this opportunity to thank residents and park patrons in advance for treading lightly on the City's athletic fields until they are officially open. As we are all aware, we had a typical New England winter with lots of snow and deep frost. The parks and athletic fields are slowly drying out and becoming available. We anticipate that most athletic fields will be available for use by the end of next week. Currently, all tennis courts, with the exception of the court at Rollins Park, are ready for use, as well as all the outdoor basketball courts. The softball and practice lacrosse fields at Reed are also ready for use once a permit has been secured from the Parks & Recreation Department. Field openings will be announced online at [www.concordnh.gov/recreation](http://www.concordnh.gov/recreation).

### **NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY**

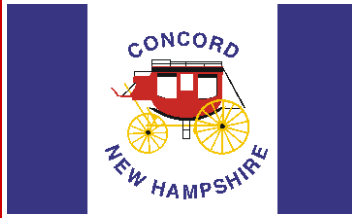


On **Saturday, April 26th**, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the Concord Police Department will serve as a collection site for residents to dispose of their unwanted prescription medications. Prescriptions can be anonymously dropped off at the Police Station and an officer will be available to assist and answer any questions. The following items will not be accepted: IV solutions, injectables, syringes or other sharps, aerosols, or inhalers. No illegal drugs will be accepted.

### **CITY WELCOMES NEW GIS ANALYST**

The Community Development Department's Engineering Services Division is pleased to welcome Amy Duquesnoy as its new GIS Analyst. Amy was selected from over 70 applicants after a comprehensive review process. She graduated from Salem State University with a focus on geographical information technologies. Before joining the City, Amy was a GIS Analyst at Applied Geographics, a leading consultant firm providing GIS services to many New England municipalities. Amy's experience of mapping municipal land parcels and infrastructure systems is a valuable addition to the City.

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### HIGH FIVE AWARDS



General Services Department employees **Lucie Muhlfelder** and **Joshua Worthen** are the latest winners of the City's "High Five" award.

Josh went to a residence that was flagged as a high consumer of water. He heard running water at what appeared to be an abandoned house, which is never a good sign. He tried for an hour to turn off the water valve and finally succeeded. Enough water had already flowed through the house to fill six swimming pools. His persistence working to close down the valve potentially saved this home from complete destruction.

Later, locating the home owner seemed a daunting task, as the contact information the City had was outdated. Using resourcefulness and perseverance, Lucie not only located the homeowner in Minnesota, she also educated them on the dangers of failing to mitigate the water damage - MOLD. Thanks to her counseling, prompt action was taken to save the home.

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 13-19, 2014

**Lives Change @ Your Library!**



### ADULT PROGRAMS

**Imperial Russian**

**Fabergé Eggs**

**Tuesday, 4/15 @ 7:00 PM**

This illustrated presentation by Marina Forbes focuses on the life and remarkable work of Russian master jeweler and artist, Peter Carl Fabergé. The program features a photo tour of Fabergé collections at the Constantine Palace in St. Petersburg and from major museums and private collectors around the world. Explore the important role of egg painting in Russian culture and the development of this major Russian art form from a traditional craft to the level of exquisite fine art under the patronage of the tsars. Forbes also discusses the fascinating history of these eggs, their role in the dramatic events of the last decades of Romanov rule in Russia, and in the years following the Bolshevik Revolution.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Celebrate National Library Week and fairy tales in the Children's Room.**

Stop in any time to enjoy a scavenger hunt, search for fairies, take the Fairy Tale Challenge, and vote for your favorite fairy tale character!

**Family Story Time**

**Wednesday, 4/16 @ 10:30 AM**

**Paws for Pages**

**Thursday, 4/17 @ 3:30 PM**

**Check out "Peeps in Action" scenes created by the Library staff  
on display during Library Week!**

All programs are free and open to the public. For more information about Library Week, visit [www.concordnh.gov/library](http://www.concordnh.gov/library).